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THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Mr. Lawrence's questionnaire mailed to Hertford County voters is filled with matters of legislation with which the ordinary layman is more or less familiar. The county commissioner problem, that is, reducing the number to three instead of six, the road board matter, salaries or fees for county officers, selection of tax collectors, the primary law, and sanitary law are pretty generally understood by the average taxpayer.

In framing the question "would you favor a change in our court procedure that would enable two out of every three cases to be tried within sixty days after the suit has been brought?" Mr. Lawrence so fixes it that all persons sufficiently interested to answer the question will do so affirmatively. There is none who would not favor such a change.

The taxpayer is going to be more interested in the question of expense attached to the change; and how the change is to be made. Mr. Lawrence, of course, did not so frame the question for the purpose of getting back affirmative answers, but probably because the average person would know but little about a Recorder's Court—the apparent means by which speedy trial would be accomplished. It is assumed here that a recorder's court is what Mr. Lawrence has in mind.

Creation of such a court would surely mean quicker trials of cases and would help to clear the congested docket usually in evidence at Superior Court. It might also mean some saving to the County in caring for prisoners in the county jail. But there is still doubt about whether its value to the County would be commensurate with the cost.

A Recorder's Court, county court, or any other court requires finances with which to operate, and the county will have to pay the bills. Among other things, a judge and solicitor must get a salary from the taxpayer's money. Before an intelligent answer can be given to that question, there should be plenty of light shed on the what it will cost Hertford County. And, while suggesting the abolishment of county offices and the reduction of taxes, let's turn our serious attention to the advisability of creating more offices, at an added cost to the county.

THE NEW BERN SUFFERERS

When approximately one-fourth the city of New Bern was destroyed by fire last week, there was presented to North Carolinians an opportunity for humanitarian service seldom if ever equalled in recent years. Thousands were made homeless, penniless, and without sufficient food and clothing to tide over the next twenty-four hours. A majority were colored people of meagre means, and with little or no savings.

OFFICE CAT



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A true likeness of this paragrapher heads his column this week. The curious minded readers have sought to uncover the author of this stuff, and for their information and edification (if it is edifying at all) the Cat has submitted a photograph. Here he is perched right up in his familiar position.

"Gentlemen, I don't know much about parliamentary law, but, if he is to take all the votes, we'd as well let the chairman run this board", said Mr. E. W. Whitley, county commissioner when Dr. J. H. Mitchell exercised his power to cast two ballots last Monday.

Messrs. Jno. O. Askew, Jr., and W. J. Vaughan, the two commissioners voting with Dr. Mitchell said they did not believe the harmony of the board should have been jeopardized by the double vote. However, that didn't keep him from casting the seventh ballot.

The Cat believes Dr. Mitchell overstepped the bounds of propriety when he voted twice, even though technical law might say he has the right. It engendered a spirit of harsh feeling between members of the board. Regardless of the merits of Dr. Mitchell's position in reference to the appropriation for a health officer, the double voting business was not justified, in the light of fairness and precedent.

"Why aren't you over at the courthouse where the new commissioners are meeting today?", one man inquired of another at Winton last Monday. "I subscribe to the Hertford County Herald; it will tell me about it"; was the answer.

The editor to the Cat—"There is surely going to be some good dope over in Winton next Monday, for I saw J. R. Garrett there last Monday, and he was digging deeply into the law books. I believe he was reading the act on the creation of the office of road superintendent for Hertford County; and my guess is that he was trying to figure out some means of disposing of the superintendent." The Cat has set aside Monday, December 11, as the occasion for a visit to the County Capital.

BILLING AND COOING

He met a fair maiden and soon was awooing.
He told her he loved her, the words softly cooing.
He suggested they marry, she fell for the plan.
On the first of the month the billing began.

Money: A medium of exchange formerly used by the poor; now seldom seen. (Definition by Sam Vaughan.)

Dr. A. W. Greene concludes that the cheap optimist is the chap who goes to a banquet to get something to eat.

Sid Watson says sometimes he has a strange feeling that there is more profit in feeding fishworms to chickens than in feeding them to fish.

The immensity of the disaster, and the consequent opportunity for service has and is being met with response that is just as notable. Not only are the people of this State going about the work of taking care of the sufferers, but other states, the Red Cross, and the U. S. Army and Navy Departments are aiding in the good work.

Through Ahsokie's chamber of commerce several boxes of clothing has been sent to New Bern, and still more is being collected. A money fund has been started here also, and the Chamber of Commerce will be more than glad to receive further subscriptions, giving each donor full credit for any amount given. Christmas is not quite here, but we can make it a glad day for the New Bern sufferers if we unloose our hearts and purses to the relief of our stricken neighbors.

Road Board May Start Something

To forecast what is going to happen in Winton next Monday when the new road board assumes office is a risky piece of business; but it is pretty certain the incoming members will seek some kind of change in road administration. Indications, however, point to a probable deadlock in case any drastic change is attempted.

There will be three new members of the board, J. R. Garrett of Ahsokie, Dr. J. A. Powell of Harrellsville, and J. D. Bridger of Murfreesboro. Old members to succeed themselves will be Chairman J. B. Worrell of Como, H. G. Snipes of Menola and Dr. W. B. Pollard of Winton. The old board, composed of the latter three and Dr. L. K. Walker of Ahsokie, M. E. Worrell of Murfreesboro, and B. N. Sykes of Harrellsville are meeting for the last time today, for the approval of pay rolls.

Two or three things may happen next Monday, or, at least may be attempted. Among them is the probable abolishment of the present road superintendent's job, and the automatic removal of the present superintendent. It is extremely doubtful if this can be done, but such a move would not all be surprising. J. R. Garrett, Ahsokie's new member, is somewhat of a legalite, and is known to be seeking some way to make a distinct change in the present method of doing business on the half million bond issue.

Rumor has said there were already on the waiting list applicants for the job of overseer, and one now frequently mentioned is that of O. H. Britton, who has had experience in county bridge building. He is at present constable of the town of Ahsokie.

The HERALD seldom stakes its reputation on mere guesses; but having forecast so completely the action of the new county commissioners, it is going to offer this as a bit of dealing in futures.

NOTICE

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Hertford County, made at October term, 1922, in the cause entitled, Willie Newsome next friend of Audey B. Newsome, Mary F. Newsome, Janie E. Newsome and Thelma D. Newsome. The undersigned Commissioner will on the 11th day of December, 1922, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, in the Town of Ahsokie, N. C. in front of the post office, at 12 o'clock, the following described tract of land, situate in Hertford County, N. C. to-wit: That tract lying on the eastern border of the Town of Ahsokie, bounded on the west by the land of Mariah Newsome and the public road leading from Co-field to hokie, on the north by the land of Geo. Chamblee and others, on the east by the lands of J. R. Garrett and on the south by the lands formerly owned by W. J. Mitchell and the lands of J. R. Garrett. Containing 89 acres more or less.

This the 9th day of November 1922.
WILLIE NEWSOME,
Commissioner.
JNO. E. VANN, Attorney 11-17-4t

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

Pursuant to and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon me by a certain deed of trust executed by Jessie Hall on the 2nd day of June, 1921 and registered in the Register of Deeds Oce of Hertford County, in Book 68, page 200, default having been made in the payment of certain indebtedness therein set out and secured, and having been requested by the legal holder of said indebtedness to advertise and sell the land as therein provided; I shall on Saturday the 9th day of December, 1922 at the Courthouse door in Winton, N. C., between the hours of 12 o'clock m. and 2 o'clock, p. m. sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate to-wit:

The entire undivided interest of Jessie Hall in a certain tract of land in Winton township, Hertford County, which belonged to Catherine Hall, deceased. Adjoining the lands of John Pope, W. H. Manly, B. Wiggins, J. H. Jenkins, B. G. Williams and others, and being the entire tract or tracts of land which Catherine Hall died, seized and possessed of, and ownen in fee simple.

This 6th day of November, 1922.
11-17-4t. C. W. JONES, Trustee.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

L. M. Mitchell and C. L. Hoggard trading as Ahsokie Live Stock Company, give notice to creditors that said company has this day dissolved and that L. M. Mitchell has assumed all obligations of the firm and will collect all debts due the firm.

This November 29, 1922.
L. M. MITCHELL,
12-1-4t. C. L. HOGGARD.

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That You'll Be Glad To Give

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Our entire sixth floor has been turned into a Christmas Fairyland for the Little Folks. We wish we could name all of the gift articles so as to help you in your selection but there are too many. Every conceivable toy, from a doll to a railroad, is represented in this Holiday Exhibition. We will be glad to serve you in person or to give your mail inquiries—or mail orders—the attention you desire.

Gifts for Girls and Women

Throughout our entire store there are thousands of beautiful gift articles which are suitable, and acceptable presents for the growing girl or the mature woman. Smith & Welton's is the most popular store in Norfolk with the woman for the simple reason that they secure here those things which are just what they want. It naturally follows that a gift purchased here is most likely to be "just what she wants".

Gifts for Men---and Family Gifts

There are more articles here for men than can be found in many exclusive men's shops. Most of these articles are just those which are most suitable for a Christmas gift. In the house furnishings department are many articles which can, in reality, be considered gifts for the family.

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Send your mail orders or inquiries to Miss Lillian Woodrow and they will receive personal attention. You will secure the same low prices that are asked of our Norfolk patrons.

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Please consider that the store of SMITH & WELTON is anxious to assist you in your Christmas purchases.

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